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POL STORAGE AREA  
BA DON, NORTH VIETNAM  
1745N 10626E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS STRIKE DAMAGE TO POL DRUMS STORED IN  
THE DESTROYED BA DON ARMY BARRACKS AREA



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2. LOCATION:

THE AREA IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 0.8 NM EAST OF BA DON, IMMEDIATELY  
NORTH OF ROUTE 110 AT UTM XE526634.

3. BACKGROUND:

THE BARRACKS IS LOCATED ON A PENINSULA APPROXIMATELY ONE NM NORTH  
OF THE INLET TO QUANG KHE, ON THE RAO NAY (STREAM). CONTINUED STRIKE  
RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHY FLOWN DURING JULY 1966 HAS REVEALED THE  
PRESENCE OF MORE THAN 1500 POL DRUMS WITH AN ESTIMATED CAPACITY OF 280  
METRIC TONS. THE BARRACKS BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY PREVIOUS  
U.S. AIR STRIKES. POL DRUMS ARE BEING HIDDEN IN OLD AND NEW TRENCHES  
AND BOMB CRATERS, SHALLOW EXCAVATIONS AND DITCHES, ALONG CULTIVATION  
LINES, AND UNDER TREE COVER.

4. MISSION READOUT:

STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY  REVEALS THE ABANDONED  
BA DON ARMY BARRACKS AREA TO CONTAIN POL DRUMS AND BURIED TANKS. FIRE  
AND SMOKE ARE OBSERVED RISING FROM THE BURNING POL DRUMS.

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 REVEALS THE PREVIOUSLY STRUCK POL FACILITY  
TO CONTAIN APPROXIMATELY 1500 POL DRUMS STORED IN SHORT TRENCHES AND  
OLD BOMB CRATERS WITHIN THE DESTROYED BA DON ARMY BARRACKS AREA.  
APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED POL DRUMS ARE OBSERVED TO BE PROBABLY DAMAGED  
AS A RESULT OF THE 17 JULY STRIKE. ALSO OBSERVED ARE AT LEAST TWELVE  
BURIED POL TANKS.

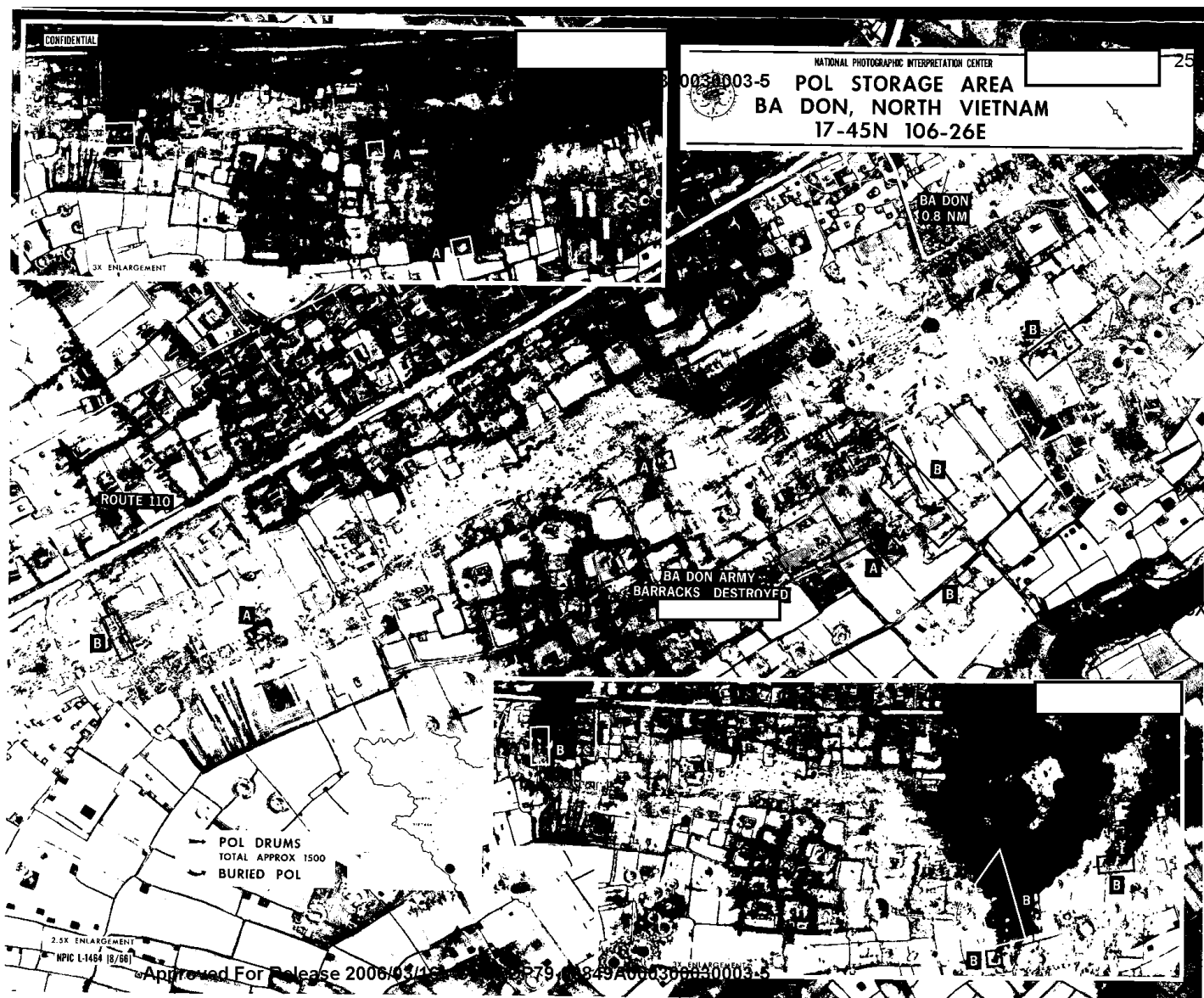
STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF  REVEALS SMOKE AND 25X1  
FIRE ASCENDING FROM THE POL DRUMS.



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